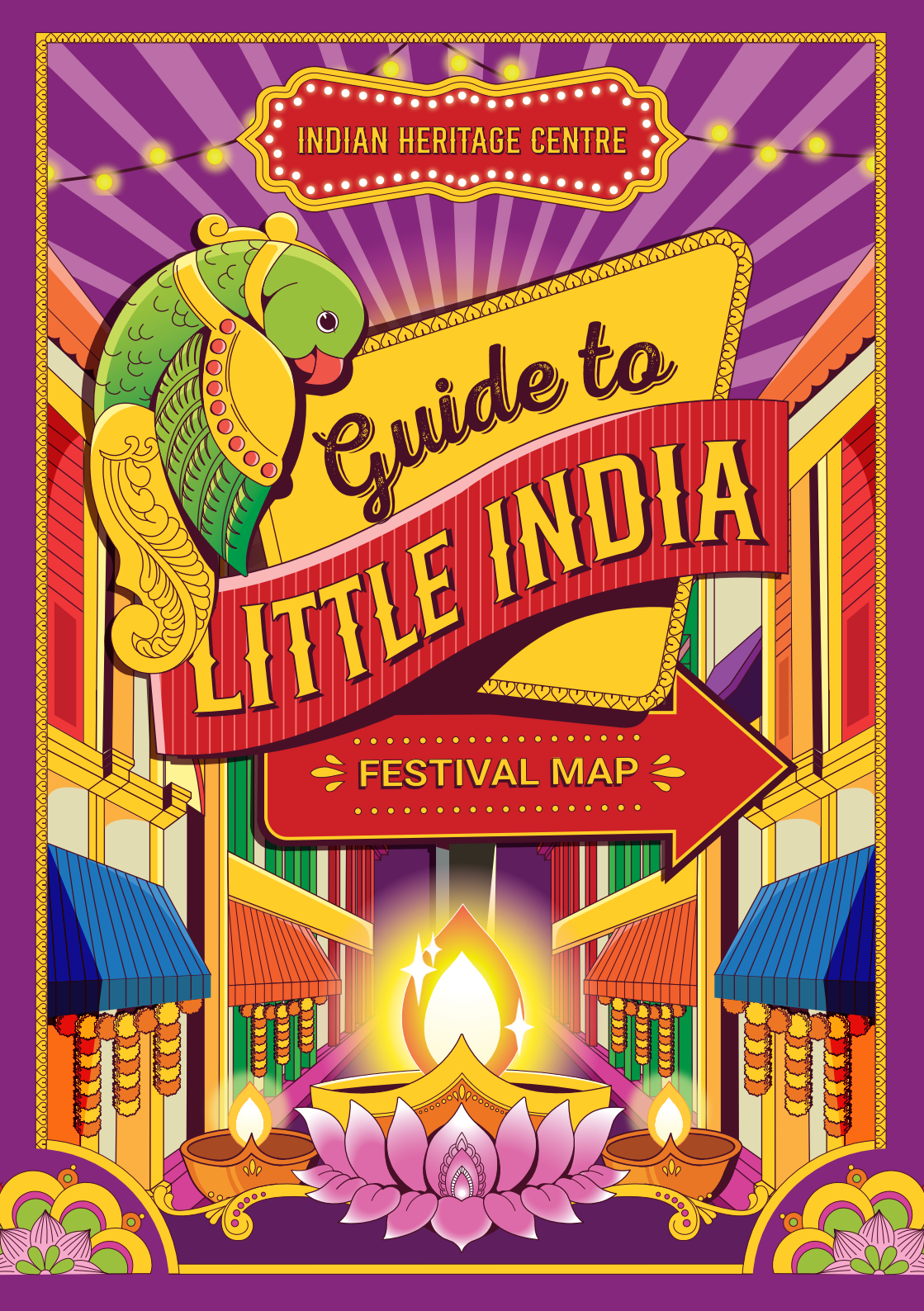


INDIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

Guide to

LITTLE INDIA

FESTIVAL MAP



Welcome!



Little India is one of Singapore's most vibrant neighbourhoods, rich in culture and history. It boasts iconic religious landmarks, over 50 authentic Indian eateries, and more than 20 colourful murals, all set against beautifully preserved century-old shophouses.

During **Deepavali**, Little India becomes even more captivating. The streets burst with vibrant storefronts, inviting you to immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, and scents of the celebration!

This year, Deepavali falls on Thursday, 31 October 2024. Celebrated as the Festival of Lights, it features the lighting of oil lamps, vibrant decorations, and festive events, symbolising the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance, as reflected in its rich traditions.

Celebrating on the Moonless Night



Find out more about Deepavali on the info panel in the Indian Heritage Centre!

Ritual of Traditional Oil Baths



As Deepavali falls on Amavasa, the moonless night, also the darkest night of the new moon, traditional oil lamps are lit to brighten the surroundings, symbolising the victory of light over darkness.

On the morning of Deepavali, families traditionally wake up early to take oil baths which symbolises purification and marks the start of the festive day with blessings.



A Day in Little India



1 Henna Art

Create some memories with a henna tattoo that will stay on your skin for 4 to 7 days!



2 A Fun Museum

During the weekends in October, visit the Indian Heritage Centre for live performances, free snacks and drinks, craft activities, and free museum entry.



3 Shopping

Get into the festive spirit by shopping for traditional Indian clothes and some festive décor items like peacock feathers, believed to bring wealth and prosperity during Deepavali.



4 Banana Leaf Meal

This traditional way of serving food enhances the flavours and creates a shared dining experience, perfect for celebrating Deepavali.



5 Sweet Treats

Deepavali is all about feasting, especially on sweets that symbolise love and joy.



6 Beautifully Decorated Temple

Admire the unique architecture, colourful sculptures, and majestic statues.



KEY CULTURAL ITEMS

Discover the essential food, items and services that introduce Indian culture in Singapore, and will get you ready for Deepavali celebrations!

TRADITIONAL CLAY LAMPS

These beautifully hand-painted clay oil lamps can be found in local shops which are lit to celebrate the victory of light over darkness.

Dunlop St & Chander Rd

FLOWER SHOPS

During Deepavali, marigolds, jasmine, and roses adorn homes and temples, symbolizing purity and beauty.

Buffalo Rd & Campbell Ln

BANANA LEAF MEALS

Indulge in a banana leaf meal, a traditional meal with curries, rice, bread, and accompaniments, offering a complete dining experience.

Syed Alwi Rd, Race Course Rd & Little India Arcade

SAREE

The saree is an elegant garment draped over the waist and shoulder, using diverse fabrics and intricate embroidery.

Dunlop St & Buffalo Rd

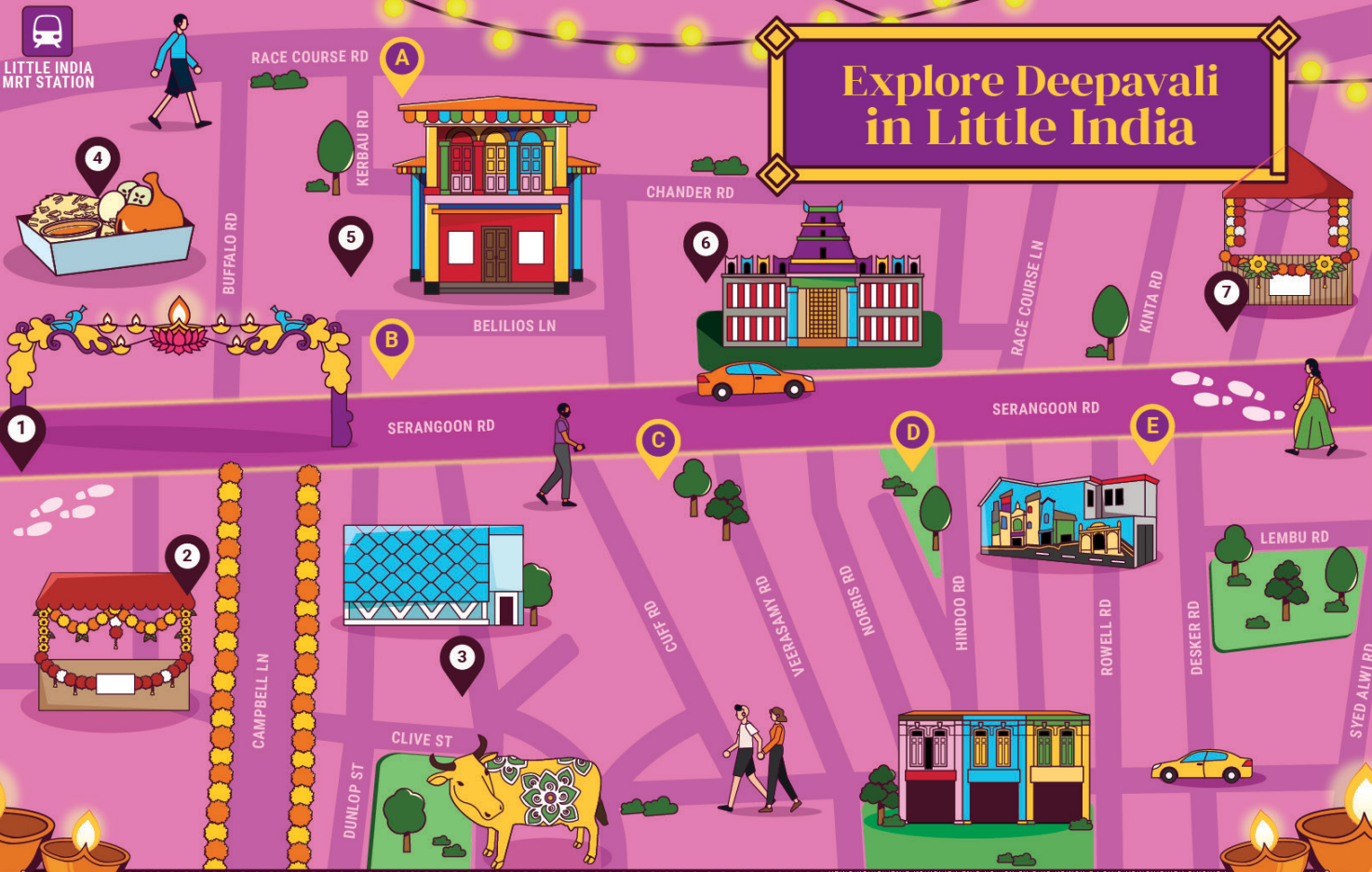
GOLD

Buying and wearing gold during Deepavali symbolizes wealth, prosperity, and good fortune, making it a cherished tradition.

Serangoon Rd

ICONS OF LITTLE INDIA

Follow the map to discover the best that Little India has to offer. Besides guiding you on what to buy and see in Little India, we will also show you what you can experience only during Deepavali!



HENNA

Henna is applied during Deepavali, with detailed patterns on hands and feet, enhancing the celebration and bringing good fortune.

Serangoon Rd & Race Course Rd

BEAUTY SALONS AND BARBERS

Get ready for Deepavali by visiting Little India's beauty salons for threading & facials and barbershops for grooming and massages.

Serangoon Rd & Dunlop St

ART MURALS

Follow the map pins to discover our top picks for vibrant murals!

Cattleland 2

A Buffalo St

The Street Tailor

B Dunlop St

Weaving Through Time

C Veerasamy Rd

Festival

D Hindoo Rd

Layers

E Desker Rd

1 ICONIC STREET LIGHT-UP

For 39 years, the street light-up in Little India kicks off Deepavali in Singapore, with oil lamps symbolizing light's triumph over darkness.

1 Serangoon Rd & Race Course Rd

2 DEEPAVALI FESTIVAL VILLAGE

Every Deepavali, Campbell Lane turns into a cultural village, filled with traditional goods, festive snacks, and colorful decorations—an unforgettable experience.

2 Campbell Ln

3 INDIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

Showcasing over 450 fascinating artefacts, this museum highlights Singapore's Indian community's history, with special Deepavali events.

3 Campbell Lane

4 TEKKA CENTRE

Discover Singapore's Hawker Culture at Tekka Centre with its wet market and Indian textile shops.

4 Buffalo Rd - Serangoon Rd

5 HOUSE OF TAN TENG NIAH

Built in 1900, the House of Tan Teng Niah is Little India's last Chinese villa, highlighting historical Chinese trades.

5 37 Kerbau Rd

6 SRI VEERAMA-KALIAMMAN TEMPLE

Built in 1855, this temple that is dedicated to Goddess Kaliamma, reflects Indian immigrants' impact on Singapore's religious diversity.

6 141 Serangoon Road

7 DEEPAVALI EXPO

The annual Deepavali Expo, opposite Mustafa Shopping Centre, showcases a lively bazaar with clothing, food, and festive stalls.

7 Birch Road

INDIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

DEEPAVALI

CARNIVAL OPENHOUSE
5-27 OCT 2024



Every weekend in October, the Indian Heritage Centre is bringing you an exciting line-up of Deepavali activities. From cultural performances to hands-on workshops, there's something for everyone. It's the perfect way to kick off your Deepavali celebrations!

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